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INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CG, IT

SUBJECT:ZAIRIAN REQUEST TO REPAIR MACCHI AIRCRAFT

1. IN COURSE DISCUSSING ATTACK ON ZAIRE, ITALIAN EMBOFF
WAS INFORMED BY DEPTOFF OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S INTEREST IN
REPAIRING 11 MACCHI AIRCRAFT. DEPTOFF EXPLAINED FRANKLY
WE ARE TRYING TO SORT OUT ZAIRE'S PRIORITY REQUESTS FOR
MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN EFFORT TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE,
AND ARE NOT CERTAIN TIMING OF REPAIR GIVES MACC I REQUEST
OUR TOP PRIORITY. THERE IS ALSO DIFFICULTY OF U.S. FUNDING
ITALIAN EQUIPMENT.

2. ITALIAN EMBASSY WAS ASKED TO INQUIRE FOR CONTINGENCY
PURPOSES ABOUT AVAILABILITY OF SPARE PARTS AND REPAIR TEAM,
IN THE EVENT CRASH EFFORT IS REQUIRED TO REHABILITATE
MACCHIS. SUGGESTION WAS ALSO MADE THAT U.S. AND ITALIAN
GOVERNMENTS MIGHT BE ABLE TO SHARE BURDEN, E.G., WITH U.S.
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TRANSPORTING EQUIPMENT. SHOULD ITALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE OR
ITALIAN AMBASSADOR IN KINSHASA INQUIRE ABOUT THIS REQUEST,
THEY SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO SUGGEST TO GOI THAT IT ASSIST
ZAIRE IN GETTING MACCHIS BACK IN THE AIR. FYI - IF THERE

SEEMS ANY CHANCE GOI WOULD RESPOND FAVORABLY TO APPROACH
BY ZAIRE, WE COULD, OF COURSE, ARRANGE FOR SUCH REQUEST

TO BE MADE.
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